



SECRETARY OF STATE
STATE OF INDIANA

Todd Rokita
Secretary of State
September 17, 2008

Dear Candidate,

As the Education and Outreach Director for the Chief Election Officer of the State of Indiana, I thank you for your efforts in preparing your voters for this historic election. I write to you today to provide information on a new resource available to help you share information with voters and to remind you of several key election laws which you will need to follow during your Election Day preparations.

1. The Secretary of State's office now hosts an online database of both state and county level candidates for the General Election. This software enables candidates to post a candidate statement, photo and website information, if applicable, to help voters prepare for the coming election. Please see the enclosed information on how to verify and post information through the Indiana Candidate Registry, www.IndianaRegistrar.net.
2. To ensure you are correctly preparing voters to exercise their right to vote, I encourage you to review the enclosed Indiana election information and disseminate the information to your staff and volunteers. You are responsible for ensuring your Election Day volunteers are aware of the following state laws and deadlines as they campaign within the community.
3. Remember to comply with the campaign finance reporting requirements that apply to you. Please see www.indianacampaignfinance.com for important information in the *2008 Campaign Finance Manual* and for reporting forms.

To assist in election preparations, Secretary Rokita and his staff will be touring the state helping not only county election boards and community groups, but also each party and their candidates prepare for the election. **If you are interested in having Secretary Rokita attend one of your meetings to review election procedures, absentee ballot regulations or the photo ID requirement please contact me via email at jbauler@sos.in.gov or by phone at 317-232-6541.**

With your help, Indiana will have an open, accurate, and fair General Election in which all voters can have the utmost confidence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julia Bauler".

Julia Bauler
HAVA Education and Outreach Director
Indiana Secretary of State Todd Rokita

cc: Indiana Congressional District Chairmen
cc: Indiana County Chairmen
cc: Indiana County Election Boards

Indiana Candidate Registry

Available online at www.in.gov/sos/elections or directly at www.indianaregistrar.net

Step1: Log In

Request your log in information by emailing jbauer@sos.in.gov. Log in to your account on the home page with the username and password provided to you.

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Candidate Login

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Password

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Indiana Candidate Registry

Advance Search Exhaustive Alphabetical Search

First Name: [] Phone: []

Last Name: [] Party Affiliation: Select [v]

Address: [] Web Address: []

City: [] Email: []

State: Indiana Date Filed: []

Zip: []

Office Name: Select [v]

Search

> Request for Installation of Security Seal

> View all Candidates

Step 2: Modify Your Profile

Click on the Modify Profile link. You will be directed to a page where you can update your profile as well as write your own "Candidate Statement" which will be displayed publicly on your Candidate Directory Card.

Home > Request for Installation of SOS Seal

[*Indicates necessary fields]

* Office Title: JUDGE OF SUPERIOR COURT [v]

* District: []

* First Name: john []

* Last Name: smith []

E-mail: emt.testing@hotmail.com
(example: john@electionmail.com)
http://www.google.com
(ex: http://www.mydomain.com)

Web Address: []

* Address 1: 1101, Pennsylvania avenue []

Address 2: dc []

* City: dc []

* State: Washington D.C. [v]

* Zip/Postal Code: 20004 []

Phone: 111-111-1111 []

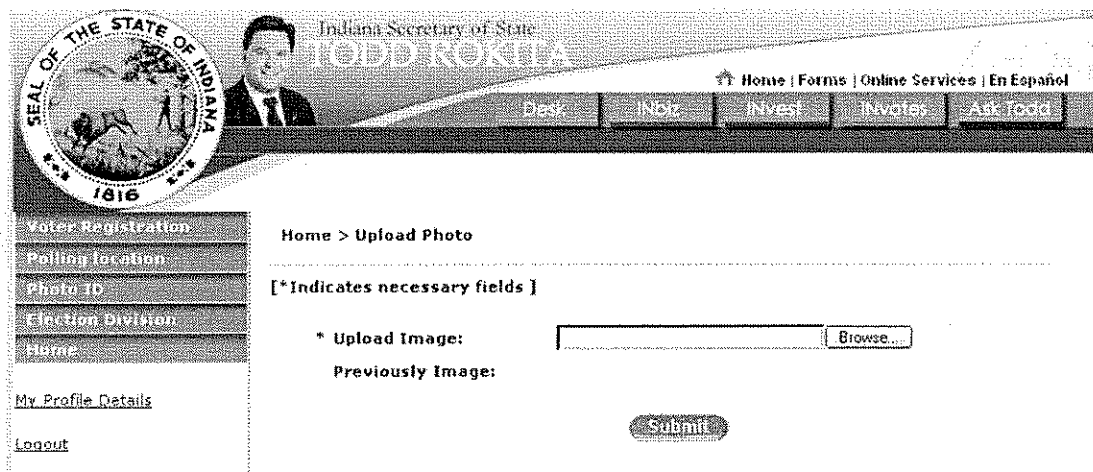
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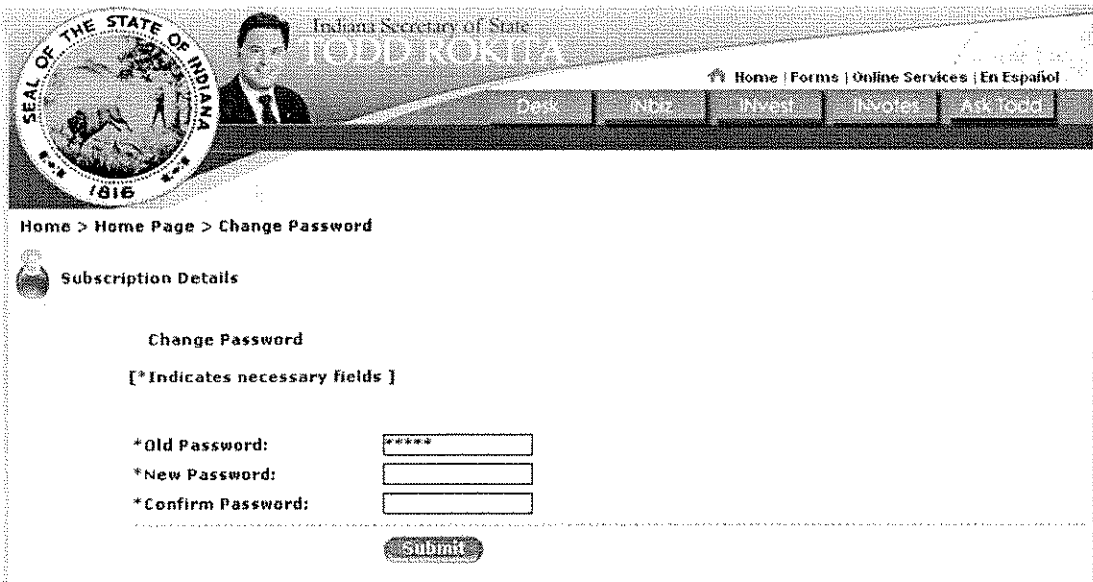
Click on the Upload Photo link. You will be directed to a page where you can browse your local computer and select an image that you want displayed on your Candidate Directory Card. **NOTE:** The photo should be no larger than 105x147.



The screenshot shows the Indiana Secretary of State's website. The header includes the Seal of the State of Indiana, the name 'TODD ROKITA', and navigation links: Home, Forms, Online Services, En Español, Desk, INBiz, Invest, INvotes, and Ask Todd. A left sidebar contains links: Voter Registration, Polling location, Photo ID, Election Division, Home, My Profile Details, and Logout. The main content area is titled 'Home > Upload Photo' and includes a note: '[*Indicates necessary fields]'. There are two input fields: '* Upload Image:' with a 'Browse...' button, and 'Previously Image:'. A 'Submit' button is at the bottom.

Step 4: Change Your Password

Click on the Change Password link. Enter your old password. Enter the new password that you would like to use. **NOTE:** Please make sure to remember this password as it will be required to login in the future.



The screenshot shows the Indiana Secretary of State's website. The header is identical to the previous page. The left sidebar is identical. The main content area is titled 'Home > Home Page > Change Password'. Below the title is a 'Subscription Details' link with a user icon. The section is titled 'Change Password' and includes a note: '[*Indicates necessary fields]'. There are three input fields: '* Old Password:', '* New Password:', and '* Confirm Password:'. A 'Submit' button is at the bottom.

Indiana Election Information

Absentee Ballots:

- Though absentee voting in person at the county election board office is open to all registered voters, voting by mail is not. Unless a voter meets certain, specified criteria, they must vote in person, either at the designated location for in-person absentee voting, or on Election Day at the precinct in which they are registered. Applications to vote absentee by mail must be received **in the county election board office by Monday October 27, 2008 - (postmarked applications will not be accepted).**
- Each voter receiving an absentee ballot by mail will also receive a copy of the enclosed Indiana Absentee Voter's Bill of Rights. The office will continue to educate voters on the three most vital points of this document: 1) they should not be pressured to vote absentee; 2) they have the right to cast their ballot in secret and; 3) voters should personally mail or return their ballot.

Photo ID:

- The office has conducted an extensive voter education campaign through paid media, earned media, advertising, and other outreach regarding photo ID requirements for voting. Because of the historic increase in voter registrations, we will again send a postcard to all newly registered voters reminding them of the photo ID requirement. Additionally, there are numerous resources available for your use in further preparing voters to meet this requirement. Please visit www.PhotoID.in.gov for additional information and resources.
- Voters who do not already have a valid photo ID can obtain an Indiana photo ID card free of charge from any Bureau of Motor Vehicles branch that issues driver licenses and ID Cards. All BMV locations that normally issue driver licenses and ID Cards will have extended hours on Election Day from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm and the day before Election Day from 8:30 am to 8:00 pm.
- The photo ID requirement applies to voters who vote in-person, either at their polling location or the designated locations for absentee in-person. Voters who qualify to vote absentee by mail or absentee by traveling board will not be required to show photo ID.

At the polls on Election Day:

- The 50-foot chute is designated for voters to line up to enter the polls free from election materials and campaign supporters. The chute begins at the entrance to the room where voting will take place and extends out from that room.
- Electioneering, or campaigning, is only allowed outside of the chute area. State law defines electioneering as expressing support or opposition to any candidate or political party or expressing approval or disapproval of any public question. All signs, campaigning and political activities shall be conducted outside of this area.
- Poll workers and credentialed party workers are allowed to work within the polling place on Election Day, but a person's status as a precinct committee person does not automatically grant them access to the polls. Please review the Election Day Handbook for further details on Election Day specifics at www.in.gov/sos/elections/hava/pdf/EDH_08.pdf.